

AT THE RICHMOND THEATRES THIS WEEK

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Page Players in "Facing the Music"
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Continuous Vaudeville.

"Facing the Music"
During the week beginning to-morrow night the Page Players will appear in the play which was selected by the stock patrons by popular vote, "Facing the Music." This farce is from the pen of James Henry Darnley, and was played at the Madison Square and Garrick Theatres in New York, what was then a record New York run. The Page Players, with their aptitude for fast farce, will doubtless romp their way through the three acts in a way calculated to stir the risibilities of even a hot weather audience.

The plot is not heavy or intricate enough to engender brain fog. It has to do with the fact that two John Smiths and their respective families reside in the Mona mansions, Kensington. One is John Smith, prominent man about town, founder, club man and midnight power. The other is the lawyer John Smith, curate of St. Andrews.

On the night before the action of the piece begins, John Smith, founder, had taken advantage of the absence of his wife from the city to spend a more than ordinarily crimson evening in various haunts to which he was addicted when overcome from ennui brought on by lack of excitement. On the evening in question he had met by chance a certain Miss Fotheringay, from the Blum Theatre, who never for a moment forgets she is an actress. He saves her from the hands of ruffianly footpads, not, however, until they had stripped him of his personal valuables. Mr. Smith reports the case to the celebrated authorities at Scotland Yard, and Sergeant Duffell is detailed to the case. When the round and worthy sergeant takes to the trail complications, fast and furious, begin to ensue. The sergeant becomes somewhat mixed over the fact that he finds two John Smith families in the Mona mansions, and is further nonplussed by the fact that the curate's wife, having returned from an extended vacation, by some mistake intrudes into the wrong apartments. With two separate and distinct sets of Smiths and a marked propensity for lying on the part of John Smith, clubman, and Mrs. Ponting, his housekeeper, the poor sergeant grows more and more bewildered. The complications are at last straightened out by the timely arrival of Miss Fotheringay, who explains everything to the satisfaction of everybody.

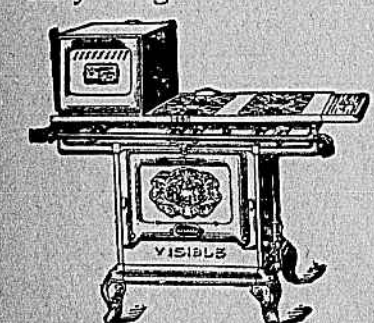
The Henry E. Dixey role of John Smith, clubman, will, of course, fall to Frank Sylvester, who should render an excellent account of himself in a characterization replete with comedy. Miss McComas will play his wife, James A. Bliss, "the somewhat stout comedian," will have his first chance this summer at a distinctly comedy role in that of Sergeant Duffell. This week will also see the reappearance with the company of Miss Mabel Rowland, who has been in New York for the last fortnight recuperating from the effects of a fall during a performance a few weeks ago in "Out of the Fold." Miss Rowland will have the role of Miss Fotheringay, the burlesque actress, and she will doubtless offer a unique characterization.

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MABEL ROWLAND.
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Heading the roster for this week will be seen the Four Meekers, a quartet of exceedingly clever singers, dancers and comedians; introducing Master Nelson and dainty little Miss Flossie, two of the brightest juvenile entertainers now in vaudeville. The offering of a playlet entitled "Raising the Rent," in which they are given exceptional opportunities to bring out some excellent song numbers, good dancing specialties and an abundance of clean

comedy, such as, combined, have made of their number one of the most sought-after vaudeville acts in America.

Petite Kitty Hoffman, a singing comedienne, with a number full of life and interest, will also be seen. Miss Hoffman is heralded as an exceptionally clever entertainer, her number fairly bubbling over with surprising novelties.

The Preston Brothers, said to be one of the best acrobatic teams now in vaudeville, will offer an original, number in which they will offer new acrobatic work such as has rarely ever been seen here.

There will also be several films of interesting and instructive life motion pictures.

The summer hours at the Lubin are from 3 to 6:30 and 7:30 to 10:45.

News of Horses and Horsemen

BY W. J. CARTER ("BROAD ROCK").
Harness horse affairs are prospering on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, as evidenced by the number of trotters and pacers in training in that section, which is made up of the two counties of Accomack and Northampton.

Hanson, who is one of the most painstaking men in the profession, was formerly with the Messrs. Floyd, but for two years past has been head trainer for A. B. Lewis, at Fredericksburg, Va.

One of the most highly thought-of four-year-old trotters in Hanson's string is the big bay colt, by Todd, out of Laxy Bird, full sister to Jay Hawk, 2:14 1/4, by Jay Bird. He is called Commerce and, "to be sure," the big bay colt is a credit to his sire Todd, the dead son of Bigness. The Messrs. Floyd have recently sold to Warren Brothers, of Townsend, Va., the bay colt Benares, 4:17, by Bingara, dam Rusalka, dam of Kushan, 2:18 1/4, by Mazatlan, 2:23 3/4, son of Electioneer, from Rosemont, by Pled-

mont, 2:17 1/4, and she out of far-famed Beautiful Bella.

This colt was bred at Allen Farm, Pittsford, Mass., and passed to the Floyds at two years old.

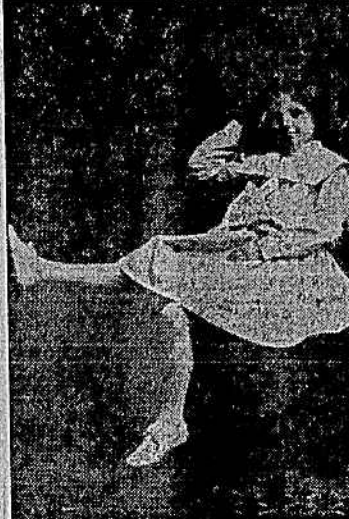
Last season he could show quarters in thirty-five and thirty-six seconds over the half track, at the farm, but being troubled with a sore mouth training was suspended, though in the meantime close to forty good mares were mated with him by various breeders. A tempting offer only induced the transfer of Benares, because a better bred colt has not been brought to Virginia, seeing that he is from the loins of Bingara, sire of Biss and Blinvo, 2:09 1/4, while through his dam, Rusalka, the traces in the third remove to Miss Russell, the dam of Maud S, 2:23 3/4, and Nutwood, 2:13 1/4.

Hanson is well pleased with the Cliney Prince family, as the get of the California bred son of Sidney showing a lot of early speed; one of them, a green four-year-old pacer, never

handled until this season, worked a mile a few days since in 2:18, over the half-mile track at Keller, and was sold to Northern parties for \$2,000, while a nice offer was turned down for a four-year-old green gelding, who trotted the same track in 2:18. In addition to these, just nineteen others, pretty near all grown ones, too, have worked miles around 2:30, though training so far has been seriously interfered with by unfavorable weather conditions, as in most other parts of the country.

Directors of Waverly Park.

Indicative of prosperous conditions existing in the rural districts in most parts of Virginia, fair associations, with race meetings combined, are being formed in different parts of the State, and these lead to the organiza-



DAINTY FLOSSIE MEEKER,
in "Raising the Rent" at the Lubin.

tion of driving and matinee clubs as well. One of the newly formed organizations of the sort is the Waverly Driving Park, at Waverly, between Petersburg and Norfolk. One of the historic features of this quaint town may be seen in the Coppahunk Springs, now the site of the Waverly Driving Park, at whose weekly matinees during the season four owners and drivers of ex county contest for cups and other trophies offered for trotting and pacing events. The officers of the association are J. D. Gray, president; Thomas Temple, secretary; S. B. Spratley, treasurer; C. S. Farson, general manager. Directors include the officers named, with J. E. Wilcox, W. A. Robinson, H. A. Gray, P. Fleetwood and C. A. Hamner.

Some Trotters at Waverly.

S. B. Spratley, who drives his own horses both in amateur contests and in races with professionals, is the largest owner at Waverly, as he handles both speed and general purpose horses. Among the trotters in his stable are the bay Princess Morrill, 2:22, by Sidney Prince, 2:21 1/4, dam Maud, dam of Ida Gray, 2:13 3/4, by Walker Morrill, and Daisy Prince, another bay by the same sire, but from a daughter of Twilight, son of Superb, by Ethan Allen. These mares are driven down the track and show a merry clip to pole. The brown mare, Lady Spratley, is the favorite roadster of her owner, who gave her a mark of 2:26, trotting, in a winning race at Suffolk a couple of years back. Her breeding is untraced. She has a shapely brown colt at her side by Wealth, 2:10, the son of Gambetta Wilkes, 2:10 1/4, and Magnolia, by Norfolk. She was bred in the spring to Duc, a French coach stallion.

J. and H. A. Gray are interested in trotters and find a lot of diversion that way. The former owns Sidney Prince, Jr., a bay gelding, 4, by Sidney Prince, and Tom Hayes, bay gelding, 6, by White Tips, 2:11 1/4, a son of Clay, by Walker Morrill.

These geldings are race-looking, and driven to pole, make an attractive appearance in action. Another member of the stable is a good-looking bay colt, one year old, by Sidney Prince, out of Annie M., 2:37, by Ham Diston, son of Walker Morrill. Annie M. is the dam of Prince M., 2:24 1/4, the chestnut gelding by Sidney Prince that trotted to his record at Baltimore this spring, and stood for second money in the summary. Sam Earing has him at Richmond.

L. A. Gray is among others the road mare Lady Gray that trotted to a record of 2:30 in a winning race at Emporia, Va., last fall, but nothing is known of her breeding. A well-made mare, of nice size, with substance and good looks, she has trotted a trial close to 2:30, and Mr. Gray hopes to mark her at least before she is retired to the stud. The roan mare was brought from the West by the late Nathan Buck, of Suffolk, Va., in a carload of sale horses, and her breeding remains untraced. She is now in training and will be raced this season.

Polly Dodge for Walton Farm.

Captain S. Walton, Falls Mills, Va., president of the Virginia-Carolina and Georgia circuit affairs and race and stock owner of Walton farm, has recently added to the select band of brood mares at the latter establishment, Polly Dodge, a four-year-old chestnut, daughter of Kelly, 2:27, the full brother to Monroe Salisbury, and former famous three-year-old gelding, expressive 2:12 1/2. The dam of Polly Dodge is the New England bred mare Juno Wilkes, 2:25, by Victor, or, for the moment, Lamont, dam of six in the list, by Daniel Lambert.

Polly Dodge has been bred to Red Leo, 2:26, in the big training gelding, who is the sire of the best of the trotters and pacers, in charge of Halley Maey, who does the training. Leo, 2:28 1/4, Charles of 2:18 1/4, and the stable, including Red Margie, are only three horses with records in Major Harford, 2:23 1/4, the remainder being the up of three-year-olds and upward, by Red Leo, Direct Hal, 2:04 1/2; Creasceus, 2:02 1/4, and other well known sires. Some of the horses may start at a few of the summer meetings, but no regular campaign of this season will begin at Galax, the opening meeting of the Virginia-Carolina and Georgia circuit.

Winners on Big Tracks.

The get of Aloha, the dead son of St. Mungo that formerly held court at the late Robert Bradley's Greenway Farm, at Wilcox, Va., are winning on the big tracks though the bay stallion passed away several seasons since. Among his get that won at Gravesend were the bay gelding, by gelding, 4, out of Lisbon Maid, by Lisbon, who was first in a dash of one and one-half miles, with a time of 1:18, on the big track, though the bay stallion passed away several seasons since. Among his get that won at Gravesend were the bay gelding, by gelding, 4, out of Lisbon Maid, by Lisbon, who was first in a dash of one and one-half miles, with a time of 1:18, on the big track, though the bay stallion passed away several seasons since.

Recent winners among Virginia-bred horses now being raced in Canada, include Glen Bay gelding, by gelding, dam Nicola, and Colonel Zeb, chestnut colt, 3, by Hawkswick, dam Alcott, a former son of a mile on the turf at Hamilton in 1:39 4/5, and Colonel Zeb did six furlongs at Montreal in 1:17 8/5.

STRONG IN FRESHMEN

Princeton Has Some Remarkable Athletes Eligible Next Year.

PRINCETON, N. J., July 3.—Princeton has some remarkable athletes in the present freshman class, who will be eligible next year. The mile relay team is considered one of the best in the country, their time almost equalling the national record. With Black, a former Mercerburg star, for the 100 and 200-yard dashes; Sawyer, a 6:00 1/2 man, for the quarter mile, and two jumpers, Bell and Barrett, who have done 5 feet 3 inches; hammer throwers, Speer, Bissell and Simons, and shot putters, Bissell and Hart, the freshmen track team easily defeated the Yale freshman team.

With these men as a nucleus, and Whiteley, Frantz, Laird, and McGowan, Princeton should make a much more creditable showing.

There is an indication that athletics of every sort will boom next year, because of the valuable material in the freshman class. In fact, it is without a doubt the best freshman class Princeton has secured in a long while. The football team was composed of stars. The fact that the Yale freshman team, with a score of 6 to 0, was a remarkable thing from the Tiger cubs, because they had practically no coaching and faithful training supervision. With proper care they would have won every game.

"Eddie" Hart, Winants, Blaisell, Norman, King, Chrystie, Parr and McGowan, are bound to be heard from on the varsity squad next fall. In baseball the freshmen have such men as Starritt, Shaw, Channing and "Sam" White, who will surely do a great deal toward displacing some of the present varsity ball players next season.

In the minor sports the freshmen teaming team treasured the varsity in a recent meet. In both tennis and golf the first year men have it on the varsity by a big margin. There is also some exciting hockey material.

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country. The English cup team will play the Americans in this country as they did last year, early in the month of September. The matches, two singles and one double, will be decided at Philadelphia instead of Boston. The winning team will go to Australia as challengers for the trophy. From the present arrangements the courts will be those of the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

The securing of these important matches is a signal triumph for American lawn tennis diplomacy. For several months past the English National Lawn Tennis Association has been striving to bring about arrangements which would insure the international England against America ties for the courts of Wimbledon, London. The American committee, Dr. James Dwight, president of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association; Robert D. French, vice-president, and William C. Clothier, refused steadily to enter into the British plans. They persistently stated that if the cup ties were to be played in this country the American would meet the Englishmen in the ties next November on the courts at Melbourne, Australia.

The Americans, on the other hand, made a counter proposition to the English association. The American association guaranteed the sum of \$2,000 to the English governing body for expenses for sending the cup team to this country. A peculiar feature of the agreement, which insures the

British, sending across the Atlantic their best men is found in the wording: "A guarantee of \$2,000, subject to the British sales sending a satisfactory team." Americans are highly gratified at this result, as it will be possible to place the leading players of this nation in the field. Last year a national association made a profit of nearly \$500 on the Davis cup matches.

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